

Congregational Town Hall Meeting: Eat and Meet

This year we are holding our annual congregational meeting on **Wednesday, May 11**. Our Cadets Boy Club will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone beginning at **6 pm**. During that meal, you'll get a chance to meet new friends and catch up with some old ones. At **7 pm**, we'll move to the Sanctuary for a time of worship, followed by introductions of our new elders and deacons, a review of our proposed budget, and an update by our expansion committee, as well as our capital stewardship team. It promises to be an exciting time of fellowship as we celebrate how God has been at work here at Family in Christ and how He longs to use us in the coming months.



STUDENT MINISTRIES PRESENTS: *a fun night at our dessert theater!* *May 6 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm*

We hope all the church joins us for a fun night of entertainment as the both the staff and the student ministries put on a fun performance. You relax and enjoy the fellowship of great company and yummy desserts. Plus there will be many fantastic auction items available throughout the night, and you will help send students on a mission trip to Haiti. Tickets will be available to purchase in the lobby after services or at the door the night of the auction.



Tickets:

ages 12+	\$5
4 to 11	\$2
3 and under	Free

Don't miss this extremely fun night at our dessert theater!

Help us get to Haiti!

Students and adult leaders from Family in Christ will be traveling to Haiti to serve for a week at the end of June. We are going with an experienced ministry called Adventures in Missions that has a long term relationship with those we will be serving. Please pray for our team as we prepare for this trip!

MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor

Dr. Paul Jorden
303-466-7770, ext. 203
paul@familyinchrist.com

Worship, Music & Technology

Tony N. Schenk
303-466-7770, ext. 204
tony@familyinchrist.com

Office Manager

Carmen Braaksma
303-466-7770, ext. 201
carmen@familyinchrist.com

Financials

JoAnn Bjorem
303-466-7770, ext. 202
spots41@msn.com

Facilities

Denise Martin
303-466-7770, ext. 207
denise@familyinchrist.com

Adult Ministries

Judy Jorden
303-466-7770, ext. 208
judy@familyinchrist.com

Life Groups & Ascent

Phil Christie
phil@familyinchrist.com

Student Ministries

Carrie Evans
303-466-7770, ext. 205
familyinchriststudentministries@yahoo.com

Children's Ministries

Susan Faltinson
303-466-7770, ext. 209
susan@familyinchrist.com
Sheila Shea
ricoshea1@comcast.net

Nursery Ministries

Angela Schenk (303-910-3911)
angela@familyinchrist.com

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELDERS

Margie Bessler
Joan Borden
Anne Capps
Philip Jongejan
Larry Miller
Gary Parmenter

DEACONS

Will Boggs
Audrey Boonstra
Rob Faltinson
Don Johnson
Anne Lucas
Brian Mapes
Mickey Shea

GO and TELL

Living Missional Lives in a Self-absorbed World

What is the great imperative of your life? Is it GET- accumulate as much as you can? Or CLIMB-work as far up the ladder as you can? Or RUN- get as far away from people as you can? Those are lousy words to live by. They are too small. Too tame. But GO- that's a word that has impact. A word you can build a life on. And a word that we can build a church on, too. Join us as we learn how.

April 30 & May 1

Go and Tell: The Challenge

Colossians 1:1-8

Highlighting:

Wycliffe Translators: The Freys

May 7 & 8

Go and Tell: The Vision

Acts 16:6-10

Highlighting:

Ibrahim Shalhoub

May 14 & 15

Go and Tell: The Process

Acts 3:1-10

Highlighting:

Growing Home Ministry

May 21 & 22

Go and Tell: The Message

Acts 3:11-4:2

ISI: Howard Killion

May 28 & 29

Go and Tell: The Power

Acts 4:3-20

June 4 & 5

Go and Tell: The Danger

Acts 5:1-10

June 11 & 12

Go and Tell: The Result

Acts 6:1-7



Mothers of Preschoolers

Mother's Day Celebration & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Thursday, May 5

9 am-11:30 am (childcare provided)

Special Guest Speaker: Shelly Radic, Interim CEO at MOPS International and author of our 2010-2011 MOPS theme book, Momology: A Mom's Guide to Shaping Great Kids.

Amazing Silent Auction: Come bid on your favorite items and help us support our continually growing group of mommies.

Check us out on Facebook at FIC MOPS and find out what else is going this month! We have play dates, moms' night out, fundraisers and lots of other fun ways for YOU to make a connection.

Our group is always growing and we have new members at every meeting - so don't be shy! Come meet some terrific women and share life with other moms!

For more information: Connie Tendler at 303-469-8183

mops@familyinchrist.com

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Susan Faltinson & Sheila Shea 303-466-7770 ext. 209

The WoRM

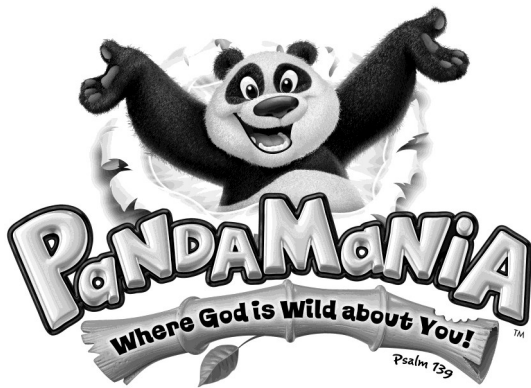
(Workshop Rotation Model):
(Workshop Rotation Model) Children from Kindergarten to grade 3 will continue to experience the life of Joshua during the month of May.



The WoRM Sunday school program includes hands-on activities involving science, drama, cooking and music. The stories of Joshua's courage and trust in God will come alive!

Summer Sunday School

Summer is just around the corner and we invite adults and youth to serve just a few Sundays during the summer at either the 9:00 or 10:30 service. Our unique "all in one" summer curriculum includes all the activities, crafts, games and props to teach a Bible lesson in a unique, engaging way. Teachers and helpers are needed for this important summer ministry. Complete training will be provided on Sunday, May 22 after the last service. Contact Sheila or Susan to sign up.



Fabulous Fridays

This VBS-based program provides non-stop fun as we learn about God in wild and wacky ways while parents enjoy a relaxing evening out. Each Friday evening starts at 6pm with a tasty dinner, followed by Party Time Sing and Play, Bamboo Blast

Games, Crazy Crafts and Missions, Chadder's Movie Mania, Wild Bible Adventures and Tree Top Treats before wrapping it up by 9:15 with the *Rowdy Wrap-up*. Kids ages 2 ½ (must be fairly consistently potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to join in the fun. Energetic teens and adults lead each "Crew" of 5 or 6 kids as we visit the bamboo forest in a faith-filled adventure. We meet the third Friday night of each month, starting in May. Save these dates for a great opportunity to experience God's love in a fun, safe, environment: **May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, & September 16.** To register, visit our website: Familyinchrist.com and fill out the registration forms under the Children's Ministry/Special Events links. Volunteers are always welcome—grandparents and parents can earn two free nights for your kids by volunteering to help run activities, help in the kitchen, or assist with the preschool program. For more information, contact Susan at 720.371.3890. See you in the Bamboo Forest!



BUZZ is our program for 4th and 5th graders which meets at the 9:00 am service only. This Bible curriculum is built around games. Every activity begins with a game which then leads to the Bible lesson activity. Come and catch the "Buzz".



Grapple is our interactive program for 4th and 5th graders which meets at the 10:30 am service only. We "grapple" with issues of interest to this age level and look at the Bible to get God's perspective on these issues.



Nursery Ministry

Angela Schenk,
Director

angela@familyinchrist.com

The Little Lambs Program offered during weekend services to your child is an evangelistic, interactive story program that includes reading Bible stories, singing praise, learning through play and experiencing prayer. Nursery provides care for infants and toddlers 0-4 years of age.

Family in Christ Student Ministries - Grades 6 – 12

Carrie Evans, Director of Student Ministries ~ 303-466-7770 Voice Mailbox 205

familyinchriststudentministries@yahoo.com



Middle School
6th - 8th grades

YOUTH GROUP
grades 6–12
Wednesdays
6:30 to 8:15 pm



Our goal: RESPECT
We will
Reach and
Equip teens to
Serve,
Praise, and
Experience
Christ
Together

Get more info on the web and Facebook

Make sure you check us out on our website www.familyinchrist.com under Students. All the updated information for our events and weekly gatherings can be found there. Also see the latest postings and pictures on our facebook page (search for Fic LiveWire High Voltage or link to it from our webpage).

We're going to Haiti!

A team of students and adult leaders from Family in Christ will be traveling to Haiti to serve for a week at the end of June. We are going with an experienced ministry called Adventures in Missions that has a long term relationship with those we will be serving. Please pray for our team as we prepare for this trip!

Don't miss a fun night at our dessert theater!

We hope all the church joins us on Friday, May 6 for a fun night of entertainment as the both the staff and the student ministries put on a fun performance. You relax and enjoy the fellowship of great company and yummy desserts. Plus there will be many fantastic auction items available throughout the night, and you will help send students on a mission trip to Haiti. Tickets will be available to purchase in the lobby after services or at the door the night of the auction.



Fun Times from our Soul Surfer Beach Party last month



A few of us with the cast from "The Thorn"

Wednesday Nights in May and Beyond

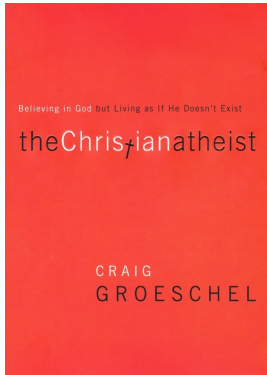
We will have regular youth group meetings **May 4, 11, and 18**. We will be off for May 25 (no week day youth group). We will have regular youth group meetings on Wednesdays on **June 1, 8, and 15**. We will be off June 22, 29, and July 6. **Beginning July 10, we will start having youth group on Sunday nights.** Look for details to come!

New Sunday Series

We've changed up our Sundays to include a little more time for connecting and fun! Plus we're doing a new series with funny videos from "the skit guys" and great questions. Hope you can join us.



Women's Ministry



Bible Study

Stacy Parriott will be leading a study starting on Thursday, April 28 - *The Christian Atheist*, by Craig Groeschel. The study will meet at Stacy's home (13573 Cherry Street, Thornton) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This is a six-week DVD series with study guide.

Does your belief in God impact your life? If the answer is no, you may be a Christian Atheist. A Christian Atheist is someone who believes in God, but lives like He doesn't exist-you believe in God, but worry all the time, or you believe in God, but trust money more. In *The Christian Atheist* Craig Groeschel shares from his own journey of growing up in a "Christian" household, but the most that faith required was to attend church several times a year. When Groeschel discovered that the real key to faith is intimacy with God, everything changed. Discover a powerful, intimate relationship with God for yourself and you'll never be the same.

Power in Presence

Have you ever thought about the power of stillness? Have you ever considered the strength involved to calm your mind? Have you ever considered these two characteristics as being necessary for spiritual growth?

While it is true that God meets us wherever we are at, it is also true that we are responsible for making sure we are present with Him. One way to do this is to practice conscious awareness of exactly where you are at in any given moment of your day. What is meant by this is that you are constantly working on developing a type of inner awareness of where your mind and thoughts are. For example, although you may be coming before the Lord in prayer, obviously your body is present, but is that also true of your mind? Scripture cautions us to "take every thought

Men's Ministry

captive" that does not conform to Christ's standards. We must evaluate every one of our actions, desires, and impulses, and submit everything to the authority of Christ. All at once this can seem as though it is an overwhelming and impossible task. Fortunately we are not alone in our efforts to accomplish this. We are blessed with the Holy Spirit who is willing to guide and help us to discipline our minds for Christ.

Of course who has time to take on another personal improvement project? Life is just too busy! Adding more laps to our daily marathons is just not something that seems too appealing. All that can be said is that the benefit of disciplining yourself to be able to be present in thought and mind throughout each moment of your day is that you will always have 100% of your resources

Sunrise Outreach Opportunity

Come join us for tea!! We meet the first Saturday of the month at Sunrise Assisted Living (103rd and Sheridan) from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. We share tea, treats and conversation, sometimes a little singing, and sometimes a short devotional. We welcome anyone who would like to come. The ladies at the assisted living really enjoy the time we spend with them. Questions? Call Suzy Petla at 303-518-1304.

Mark your calendars:

Women's Connection

Connecting Women to God and to each other in honest relationships
July 24, 2011 @ 4:54 pm

Fall Retreat

October 21, 22, 23

focused on whatever is immediately before you. This is huge. Over time you will realize you are acting less frantic and more purposeful. To paint a picture, you will be like the calm in the eye of a raging storm able to meet any challenge brought before you moment by moment. Not only that but you will be experiencing God as He intended you to, as the complete person He made you to be.

Being a part of the Men's Ministry is one way for you to get some help and encouragement toward this end. The Men's Ministry meets at the church from **6:45 - 8:15 pm** on the second Tuesday of every month. Consider joining us this month on **Tuesday, May 10**. Hope to see you there!

For further questions, please contact
Phil Christie at
phil@familyinchrist.com

Life Groups & Outreach

“Doing life together” is more than just a tag line for our Life Groups. People really do celebrate each other’s joys, share each other’s sorrows, pray for each other, share meals and ideas together... But loving one another is just a part of God’s intended blessings for us.

Some groups have gone beyond the “one another’s” and have found that reaching out together builds a whole new dynamic of unity within the group. When we look outside our group to the needs of others, we see that God is working there, too; we are thrilled that He can use us as a group to meet those needs. We can accomplish and dare more together than we would individually, and God unites us with a passion to join Him in His work. What would be a burden for one or two people becomes a joy when a group joins together, working side by side.

Some groups serve together in a food bank or take turns cooking for homeless families. Some groups regularly pray for a missionary; send birthday, anniversary, and Christmas cards; or buy that piece of computer equipment that is needed but difficult to buy overseas. Brian & Susan Frey in Papua New Guinea have expressed how reassuring it is to know a group of people is interested in them. Because of this group, they don’t feel forgotten, but supported and loved.

Because God commands us to serve, because we can serve more effectively as a group, and because God blesses us when we do, please consider where your life group can reach out to serve together. If your Life Group is already serving people outside your group, continue the good work! We are not asking you to switch ministries; rather, we’d love to hear from you how God has used your group to bless others and how He is blessing you in return. But maybe your group has discussed this idea of service in the past, but no one knew where to start and nothing has “stuck.”

During May, you will see presentations in the church services about our different outreach and mission ministries. Please view these ministries as opportunities for your life group to serve and become interested in helping others. After each service, advocates for the ministries will be at booths in the lobby. Please stop by and ask questions to determine which opportunities would best fit your group’s personality and interests.

Then discuss as a group which ministry(s) you would like to “adopt.” Each ministry has an Advocate who would be happy to visit your life group and share background information as well as the service opportunities associated with that ministry. Once your group has chosen a ministry, that Advocate will work together with your group, supplying prayer requests, news of how God is working, and service opportunities. And God will bless you with increased unity, more of God’s heart for the world around us, more passion for the things that God cares about.

Please consider adopting one or more of the following:

Compassion International: Advocate John Meyer
Dennehotso Bible Church: Advocates John Meyer, Denise Martin, Ruth Matlick
Frey, Brian & Susan/Wycliffe Bible Translators: Advocates John & Sheila Tuggy
Front Range Student Ministry: Advocate Judy Jordan
Growing Homes: Advocate Dave Rogers
Killion, Howard & Daphne/International Students, Inc: Advocate Terry Stegehuis
Shalhoub, Ibrahim & Mary/Navigators, International: Advocate Julie Marino

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you? Or thirsty and gave you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and took you in? Or naked and clothed you? Or when did we see you sick or in prison and visited you?”

“As much as you have done it for one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.”

Matt 25:34-40



What is a Life Group to you?

For some, being a part of a Life Group is the highlight of their week. It is a place to be refreshed and find encouragement from friends to meet the challenges that come in life. A Life Group can be a place of help and joy, and a safe place to ask our questions about God that we might feel embarrassed to unveil otherwise.

If you are a part of a Life Group like this, consider inviting others to join you and experience the joy that you regularly have. If you are not part of a Life Group then visit one this week. You can sign up online at www.familyinchrist.com/life-groups.

Are you, or do
you know
someone
who is in their
20's or 30's?



The Ascent is a group of young adults at Family in Christ Community Church who grow and have fun together. There are regular social events, opportunities to serve, and a weekly get together to grow and pray with one another. Come check us out! We meet on Mondays from 6:30–8:30 pm and you are welcome to come any Monday.

Let me know if I can answer any questions for you. My name is Phil Christie and you can contact me at phil@familyinchrist.com or 720-212-9135.

On **Sunday, May 29**, we will be bowling and lunching together. Meet at the church after 2nd service to join the fun and friendly competition!

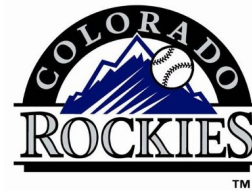
On **Sunday June 5**, we will be discussing Rob Bell's new book *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*. Join us for a stimulating and truth-seeking conversation about this controversial title.

Community Sew-In

Join us at Make It Sew (120th & Main in Broomfield behind Burger King) from **10 am - 3 pm** and meet others who share a common love of sewing and giving to the community. We make simple quilts; all levels of sewing experience are welcomed. Stay for the whole day or just an hour or two. We meet again on the following **Fridays: May 27, June 24, and July 22**. For more information, please call Cheryl Holliday at 303-438-9081.

Book Club News

The Book Club will meet May 16 at the home of Sheila Shea (303-465-3634) to discuss the book "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. Our book for June will be any book(s) of your choice. Call Sheila for the location. All are welcome.



AUGUST 21

FAITH DAY tickets are going fast! Family in Christ has reserved 70 seats in the lower section of 321 for \$25 each (seats in this area usually range from \$32 to \$60). Game begins at 1:10; following the game, **Casting Crowns** will be this year's musical guest.

RSVP to Terry or Margie Bessler at 303-431-2988 or bessler@comcast.net. It's way okay to invite your friends, too. Final payment is due August 1, but please help us plan by letting us know now that you want to be a part of this popular event.

Dennehotso Mission Trips

303-466-7770, ext. 207 denise@familyinchrist.com

Family in Christ Community Church is committed to partnering with a small Navajo Bible church in Dennehotso, AZ. For two years, we have worked to build a relationship of trust and brotherhood with the people of this reservation town. God is also using these precious people to shape our lives and teach us about Himself.

This year, our church is again sending two mission teams to Dennehotso. The first team plans to finish construction of the new Sunday School classroom for the children of Dennehotso; this team leaves May 22 and returns May 27. Please be in prayer for them.

The second is a ministry team that will focus on preparing and delivering food and making visitations during the day, and will provide a VBS and Sports Camp for children and young teens in the evenings. Dates are June 11 through June 18; cost is \$125 per person or \$400 per family. We'll all be sleeping on the church floor together in one big room; there is a shower at the church. Meals will be prepared by the team cook. If you are interested in going, please contact Denise Martin as soon as possible.

Family in Christ
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Family in Christ Community Christian Reformed Church

11355 Sheridan Boulevard
Westminster, CO 80020

www.familyinchrist.com
303-466-7770

Office hours: Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Worship Services:

Saturday, 6:00pm

Sunday, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Children's Programs, Nursery,
as well as a family room
available at all services

Wednesday Evening Programs

for adults, children, and
middle & senior high youth



Find us on
Facebook

For more efficient and environmentally friendly delivery, **The Family Portrait** is emailed to everyone for whom we have an email address. And you get it in color, too! If you have email and would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please email carmen@familyinchrist.com. Hard copies of the latest edition will continue to be available in the Lobby for those without email or for anyone who would still prefer to pick up a copy.

The **Family Portrait** is a publication of Family in Christ Community Church. Articles, contributions, and suggestions are welcome; please submit to familyportrait@comcast.net. A Word or Publisher document is preferred. Editorial license may be invoked based on space or content.

June / July 2011 issue deadline:

May 26

Electronic Distribution

by June 3

**Hard copies available in the
Lobby by June 4 / 5**

The Great Barrier Reef

Pastor Bill from "Christian Cyber Ministries"

Scripture: Romans 5:4

"And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation". NLT

The Great Barrier Reef stretches some 1,800 miles from New Guinea to Australia. Tour guides regularly take visitors to view the reef.

The story is told about one such visit. On one tour, the guide was asked an interesting question. "I notice that the lagoon side of the reef looks pale and lifeless, while the ocean side is vibrant and colorful," a traveler observed. "Why is this?"

The guide gave an interesting answer: "The coral around the lagoon side is in still water, with no challenge for its survival. It dies early. The coral on the ocean side is constantly being tested by wind, waves and storms ~ surges of power. It has to fight for survival every day of its life. As it is challenged and tested, it changes and adapts. It grows healthy. It grows strong. And it reproduces."

What a great look at life as a Christian. Challenged and tested, I come alive! Like coral pounded by the sea, I grow. Physical demands can cause me to grow stronger. Mental and emotional stress can produce tough-mindedness and resilience. Spiritual testing can produce strength of character and faithfulness.

So when I face a problem ~ I just tell myself, "There I grow again!"

Prayer:

Father, thank you for the tests of life that strengthen my Christian character. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Our **MISSION**

as a Family in Christ:

With Prayer and God's Spirit as our source of power, we will work toward turning the unchurched into attenders, attenders into members, members into disciples, disciples into ministers, and ministers into reproducers.

All to the glory of God.

Our **VISION** as a Family in Christ is to build a Christian community where others can come to

SEE Christ

KNOW Christ

GROW in Christ

SERVE Christ

SHARE Christ

so that we might fully become a Family in Christ.